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SPAIN 2019
TASTING REPORT | JULY 24, 2019

BODEGAS ATALAYA — D.O. ALMANSA

LAYA 2018 | 92 POINTS

70% Garnacha Tintorera, 30% Monastrell

Blueberry and blackberry aromas and flavors. Hints of black tea. Full body. Layered and very rich. Juicy and succulent. Some mahogany at the end. Drink now.

LA ATALAYA DEL CAMINO 2017 | 91 POINTS

85% Garnacha Tintorera, 15% Monastrell

Dark fruit with dark tea and hints of mahogany on the nose. Full body. Dense and very rich with walnut and gum-tree flavors. Juicy finish. A rich and decadent wine. Drink now.

ALAYA TIERRA 2017 | 91 POINTS

100% Garnacha Tintorera

Blackberry and blueberry character with lots of smoky oak, but it's sexy and polished. Full body. Dense and focused. Pushes the limits a little, but all there. Drink now or hold.

BODEGAS TRIDENTE — VDIT CASTILLA Y LEÓN

GOTA DE ARENA 2017 | 92 POINTS

100% Tempranillo

This has a swathe of very richly spicy oak and plenty of toasty notes, too. The depth of flavor is impressive, as is the crisp tannin. Drink or hold.



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BODEGAS EL NIDO — D.O. JUMILLA

CLIO 2016 | 91 POINTS

70% Monastrell, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

Lots of coffee and berry character with walnut and spice undertones. Full body. Flavorful and delicious. Drink now.

EL NIDO 2016 | 91 POINTS

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Monastrell

A big and rich wine with lots of ripe fruit and spice. A little woody with vanilla and coffee character. But shows fruit and ripe tannins. Drink now.

BODEGAS JUAN GIL — D.O. JUMILLA

JUAN GIL SILVER LABEL 2017 | 90 POINTS

100% Monastrell

A full-bodied red with plum, dark-berry and cherry aromas and flavors. Full body, yet shows form and structure. Drink now.

ROSARIO VERA — D.O.CA. RIOJA

ROSARIO VERA 2017 | 91 POINTS

100% Tempranillo

Lovely violets, lavender, tea leaves and black pepper to this Rioja. A lively thread of acidity runs right through the center of the medium body, which ends grainy and tangy, though not particularly long. Drink now.



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CELLERS CAN BLAU — D.O. MONTSANT

BLAU RED BLEND 2018 | 91 POINTS

50% Cariñena, 25% Syrah, 25% Garnacha

A vibrant nose with ripe dark berries, as well as an earthy thread. The palate has such rich, fleshy fruit that sails on fine, velvety tannin. Impressive purity, too. Drink or hold.

CAN BLAU 2017 | 91 POINTS

40% Cariñena, 40% Syrah, 20% Garnacha

Some gentle lift on the nose here with a flash of toasty oak spice. The palate has a very succulent and supple feel with rich dark berries and an approachable, ripe and fleshy feel. Drink now.

LAGAR DA CONDESA — D.O. RIAS BAIXAS

LAGAR DA CONDESA 2018 | 90 POINTS

100% Albariño

Plenty of green apples and freshly squeezed citrus to this one. Light-bodied with fresh acidity and a taut, though not particularly long finish. Drink now.



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HONORO VERA — D.O. RUEDA — D.O. JUMILLA — D.O. RIOJA

HONORO VERA BLANCO 2018 | **88 POINTS**

100% Verdejo

A fresh and easy white with sliced green-apple and pear flavors. Medium body. Creamy texture on the finish. Drink now.

HONORO VERA MONASTRELL 2018 | **91 POINTS**

100% Monastrell

The brambly ripe cherries are super fresh here with a sleek, modern feel that offers a gently smoky, wet dark-stone edge. The palate has a rich, sweet core of tangy raspberry and red-plum flavor. Succulent. Drink or hold.

HONORO VERA RIOJA 2018 | **89 POINTS**

100% Tempranillo

A vibrant, primary-fruited style with fresh herbs and stems, as well as elderberry reduction. Medium-bodied, fruity and fresh. Drink now.